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TO: The Secretary
THROUGH: P - Mr. Tarnoff
FROM: EAP - Kent Wied

SUBJECT: Approval of Telegram to Beijing Proposing April 22
Meeting in Geneva with PRC Vice Premier/Foreign
Minister Qian Qichen

ISSUE FOR DECISION

Whether to approve the attached telegram to Beijing proposing that PRC Vice Premier/Foreign Minister Qian Qichen meet with you on April 22 in Geneva..

ESSENTIAL FACTORS

It is important to meet with PRC Vice Premier Qian between the March 23 Taiwan presidential election and what is expected to be a fierce MFN debate in May.

An April 22 meeting would follow your participation in the Nuclear Safety Summit in Moscow. Qian has told us that he will be in Europe April 10-20, so he might agree to delay his return to Beijing.

The next likely opportunity for a meeting is at the ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial and the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference July 23-25.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve transmittal of this telegram to U.S. Embassy Beijing.

Approve _____

Disapprove

Attachment:

Draft Telegram to Beijing

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